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Paul Mason's father was a policeman. He was also a member of a sadistic paedophile ring. He would keep Paul locked up and naked in a tiny cupboard under the stairs of their home before sexually abusing him. This cycle of abuse continued for several years and also affected his brother. The cupboard became a horrific prison where fear and terror filled his every moment.

*The Cupboard Under the Stairs* is a story of abuse at the mercy of adults whom Paul should have been able to trust. There followed a life almost destroyed by their actions. It is the harrowing story of one man's fight for justice and an end to the horrific memories that still haunt him daily.

## **The Cupboard Under the Stairs: A Boy Trapped in Hell... Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Cupboard Under the Stairs: A Boy Trapped in Hell... for online ebook**

### **Sarah says**

This was one of the most difficult books I have ever read. Not because it was written poorly but because of the endless atrocities that this man had to deal with in his lifetime. I found myself wanting to throw the book away because I was so angry at "Jack" and did not want to subject my own brain to knowing how terrible people can be to children. I really only continued to read it because I wanted to know what happened to the author and how he dealt with everything (I must mention that I am very happy with the outcome, or as happy as could be expected given his past). There were some issues with the placement of thoughts. His life goes from age 3 to age 5 back to age 3 and then 10, etc. It got a little confusing to figure out what age everything happened to him and that is the only reason I gave this book four stars instead of five. I really hope that this book served more as a therapeutic measure and wasn't torturous to Paul Mason because the depth of the abuse and the way Mr. Mason was able to not only describe in detail what happened but the feelings he dealt with in the wrath of this abuse is nothing short of scary. This book makes me want to get off of my butt and figure out a way to help victims of abuse. Very compelling.

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### **Angi says**

This book was very difficult for me to read. Where usually I absorb books, but this one I had to take in pieces.... The detail of abuse and pain suffered by Paul throughout his young childhood... To the repercussions it had during his adulthood.... Were simply too much to handle all at once. I believe this book is very important for raising awareness of child sexual abuse.... Physical and emotional abuse.... Spousal abuse.... And the devastating scars they leave behind... There is a desperate need for adults, teachers, doctors, neighbors.... To be on the lookout for children in need of help... To report abuse or even suspected abuse.... To believe children who report abuse... No matter who the abuser may be.... It is made clear in this book that an abuser could be a police officer.... A high ranking official.... Anyone can be an abuser.... Regardless of social standing... Job title.... Gender....

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### **Jamie Teixeira says**

Very repetitive

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### **Julie Kouirat says**

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A book that will remain with me for a long long time.  
I don't even know where to begin. I don't usually read this type of book but was asked to read it by someone I admire. It took me 4 days to read it. Many many times I had to put it down because I could no longer see as

the tears became too much. Paul writes so honestly and with such skill that I actually could picture him and felt so unbelievably sad for a boy who was let down at every turn firstly by his vile excuse of a father, then by every grown up he came into contact with. This book is a difficult read because it isn't fiction it actually happened to him and by writing it and by us as the readers being privy to this horrendous tale hopefully if one person reads it and tells others we can raise awareness of this kind of crime. Paul is a true testament that you can survive this awful abuse and not turn into an abuser. I'm hoping there will be a second book so we can see how Paul's life has continued. He is a brave and inspiring man and the how he's turned his early life around and helping other victims

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### **moira manson says**

#### **Evil**

How can a father treat his son's like this also his wife this is a pure evil man a pillar of the community a policeman ,my heart goes out to Paul 5 stars .

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### **Rona says**

Absolutely horrific story about a little boy trapped in a living hellish nightmare. There are no words to describe how I felt towards the evil b\*&tard that is this boy's supposed father. Paul is such a brave person to write his story and also, to campaign for other victims of child sexual abuse. I only hope that he is at peace and is happy with his life these days. Goddess bless you Paul.

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### **Kristel Palk says**

This is not the kind of book you'll enjoy reading. It's not even particularly well written (and hence I took one star off my rating). But it doesn't have to be a literary masterpiece. That is not the area where this book is meant to excel in. It has a completely different purpose and it fulfills that purpose completely. This book is a loud, raw, painfully honest and booming cry of protest by a grown man, in the name of his childhood self.

It will hurt you to read this book but it will be worth it. The most vile of monsters will be unveiled to you and you'll realize that they definitely do not only dwell in closets.

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### **Nikita says**

reading this book and hearing about what Paul went through in his childhood and throughout his life is hard hitting. A book that shocked me, and made me cry which doesn't normally happen when reading a book. Although the last 70-100 pages were a bit boring as Paul talks about his 6 odd different jobs which becomes very repetitive but I understand that because of his childhood and abuse he has suffered tremendously. A book that I would recommend to anyone

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### **Gemma Kennedy says**

#### **Sad, Honest and Compelling**

This is the saddest, most heart-wrenching book I've ever read. It tells a tale of courage and determination in the face of such adversity. What a brave man to relive his nightmare to get it all down in this well-written story. I commend the author and wish him such love and luck for the future.

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### **Billie-jo says**

I have met the author of this book a few times and his such a gentle, caring man. What happened to him as a child is truly devastating. This book is such a heartbreakin read especially when you have had conversations with the person who it's about.

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### **Kate says**

I recently bought this book to read while on holiday .

To say it was heartbreakin is an understatement .

To say Paul Mason is a true man among men is another .

I'm not generally a book reader but i found myself unable to put this book down and i had read it word for word in 4/ 5 hours .

I always knew there were adults who were cowards and bullied children , i even knew there were predators who thought it was acceptable to take a child's innocents BUT this made me realise on what scale this vile behaviour occurs and as im writing this now children will be suffering to the hands of adults who are suppose to love and care .

Its a must read in my opinion . And not to feel sympathy for Mr Mason but to make ourselves aware of the underground filth that is happening to babies ,small toddlers , infant school children and children of all ages . If we are aware hopefully some of us can identify the crimes against the generation of children from the past present and future .

I know some who read this may think my spelling and punctuation is terrible but in the scheme of things it's unimportant .

Paul Mason if i am lucky enough that you read this ,all i can say is you lived a nightmare and you didn't become an abuser . So many victims carry the chain on ,you broke that chain .

Love is an amazing thing . Not a weapon .

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### **Shelley Stacey says**

A completely heartbreakin story of a boy and the incredible abuse he and his brother endured at the hands of their father. It is an important look at the failure of the system to believe and protect children and one that must never be repeated.

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## **Michele Cryer says**

### **Horrible and sad account of abuse by a 'father'**

This book was so difficult to read. It was excellently written, but so brutally honest and horrific in the graphic descriptions of the daily abuse of Paul, John, Mam and possibly Robert, that it hurt to carry on. I felt as if I owed it to them, however, to finish the book. It is an important book for the many revelations of how prolific the abuse was throughout the district where Paul and his family lived, for the numbers of children abused for so many years, and for uncovering the many occupations of those involved in the paedophile rings. I feel such sadness for Paul and his siblings, I feel sorrow at his mum's suffering and inability to escape from the home life with her children, yet at the same time I do feel disappointment at her inaction on occasion. This book is essential reading in order to understand the legacy of child abuse, and I hope some good will come of it being published and read. Paul, you were a lovely child, so brave, and your brother too. I hated Jack while reading your account, I hope the remainder of your life is filled with much love and happiness.

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## **Sarah Ryder says**

### **Great read**

Once you start reading you won't want to put it down... An emotional book you can really connect too, fantastic read

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## **Naomi Stebler-stock says**

Paul is so very brave for sharing this horrific story with everyone. The book is so well written and it fills your heart with wanting to help the poor little boy and his family, and be able to rid them of the terrible abuse and torture they endured. No little person should have to endure what Paul and his family went through.

But due to Paul's braveness and honesty, maybe people will now look out for signs that children may be suffering abuse, and do something about it. I certainly will. Good luck to Paul and his family, and now may he be able to have some normality and live the rest of his life in peace.

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